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### UKRAINE

#### **A New National Program for the Reproductive Health of the Nation for 2006-2015**

On December 27, 2006, a new national program on the Reproductive Health of the Nation for 2006-2015 was approved by Ukraine's Cabinet of Ministers. This new national program seeks to improve a disintegrating demographic situation and the socio-economic potential of the country with a potential investment of 750 million UAH (almost \$150 million) over a 10-year period.

USAID support for health policy development and implementation in Ukraine played no small part in helping to finalize a new national health program. Its approval represents a good initial step on the part of the Government of Ukraine to improve the health of Ukrainian families and a willingness to adopt international public health approaches.

The program allocates funds to improve care for pregnant women and their infants; to prevent unintended pregnancies, particularly among adolescents; to reduce the incidence of cervical and breast cancer, sexually transmitted infections and other problems that compromise reproductive health. It is expected to lead to improved reproductive health in Ukraine, including reduced maternal and infant mortality, fewer unintended pregnancies, decreased rates of abortion, and sexually transmitted infections.

#### **21 More Ukrainians Certified as Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Professionals**

USAID's Local Economic Development (LED) project certified a second group of Ukrainian Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) professionals during a graduation ceremony on December 21.

Chief of the USAID's Local Government Division Stephen Fitzpatrick congratulated InvestUkraine representatives, who he said played an "instrumental role in the FDI training," and expressed his hope that this cooperation "would continue in the future within the LED project."

Addressing the graduates, he said that it was vital that they now took back the information they had received while in training to their respective communities to help stimulate economic growth.



*FDI Certificate of Accreditation*

The FDI program graduates, now numbering 42 in total, are a vanguard group in Ukraine, a core of professionals versed in financial and economic assessment of investment projects, industrial site and zone preparation, analysis of strategic investment priorities, and FDI marketing, presentation and negotiation skills.

The program has helped to give Ukraine its first formally trained FDI professionals for local governments and public administration bodies. Their mission is to help make Ukraine "investor-ready."

The LED training consists of four seminars, a study tour to the Czech Republic, and final examinations.

## **MDI Experts Share Experiences on Communal Services with 47 cities**

USAID's Communal Services Reform Roll-Out (CSRR) project organized a regional seminar in Lviv on December 21-22 on "Reduction of Losses – a Way to Reduce Production Costs for Water and Wastewater Enterprises." The seminar was designed for specialists of communal service enterprises (CSEs) that provide water supply and water sanitation services, and brought together more than 80 people from 47 cities in 21 oblasts of Ukraine. Participants included deputy mayors on housing and communal services, heads of departments, chief engineers and other water management technical specialists.

The goal of the regional seminar was to share the experiences of the Municipal Development Institute (MDI), which is the project implementer, as it consulted CSE representatives of cities that are not covered by the CSRR project. MDI experts provided seminar participants with specific methods and instruments for evaluating losses in water supply and sanitation systems and ways to reduce such losses.



*Regional seminar participants visit the Customers and Sales Department of CSE LvivVodokanal*

The purpose of the Communal Services Reform Roll-out project is to assist municipalities in improving the delivery of communal services to households and local industries through market-oriented reforms in the communal services sector.

## **USAID Assists in Establishing a National Coordination Council on TB and HIV/AIDS**

USAID/Ukraine Mission Director Earl Gast and Minister of Health (MOH) Yuriy Polyachenko met on December 21 to discuss USAID's recommendations on the draft Cabinet of Ministers Order on Establishing a National Coordination Council (NCC) on TB and HIV/AIDS,

which would replace the existing NCC on HIV/AIDS.

The Minister agreed with USAID's proposal that the new NCC on TB and HIV/AIDS should have a single person representing regional/oblast governments, local/raion governments, and municipalities, respectively. He also agreed that AIDS centers, TB services, the Red Cross and the various State Services for Families, Vulnerable Children and Youth, are implementing organizations and not policy-making organizations and, therefore, need not be given membership status.

Minister Polyachenko shared his plans to organize the next NCC meeting jointly with the MOH Board and its regional administrators in January 2007, and invited USAID to take part in this meeting. The Minister expressed his appreciation for USAID support to the MOH in meeting World Bank conditions to lift the suspension of the \$60M TB and HIV/AIDS Control Project, and for cooperative efforts on the second GFATM, a \$151M HIV/AIDS grant to Ukraine.

## **Upcoming Events**

**February 9**, Parliamentary Development Project, Verkhovna Rada Interns Program: Policy Analysis seminar. Lecture 5. PPA environment: political, economic and social factors. Situation analysis, Kyiv.

**February 9**, U-Media Project, Master Class "Sale of advertising sites. What is the guarantee of advertisement effectiveness in the press," Kyiv.

**February 9 - 15**, The Countering Trafficking in Persons Project, Seminar-Training for Students of Zaporizhzhya Law Institute, Zaporizhzhya.

**February 12 - 13**, Families for Children Program, Workshop for HIV-service organizations on "Support Programs for HIV-Affected Children and Families," Kyiv.

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